

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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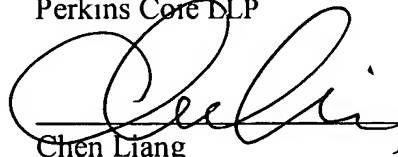
REMARKS

Claims 1-31 were pending in this application when the present Final Office Action was mailed (April 26, 2006). The Advisory Action dated July 31, 2006, indicates that applicant's response filed July 17, 2006, has overcome the rejections of claims 1-24. The Advisory Action also indicates that the rejections of claims 25-31 are maintained. In this response, claims 25-31 have been canceled without prejudice to pursuing these claims in a continuation, continuation-in-part, or other application, and claims 1-24 have not been amended.

In view of the foregoing, the claims pending in this application comply with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112 and patentably define over the applied references. A Notice of Allowance is, therefore, respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions or believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned representative at (206) 359-6038.

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